



# CITY OF FREMONT NEBRASKA

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 07, 2021 - 6:00 PM**  
**City Council Chambers 400 East Military, Fremont NE**

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## **2021-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY**

**6:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Spellerberg called the City Council Special Meeting to order and stated that a copy of the open meeting law is posted continually for public inspection located near the entrance door by the agendas.

**ROLL CALL** Roll call showed Council Members Gibson, Ellis, Ganem, Yerger, Sookram, Legband, and Jensen present. 7 members present.

1. 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Hearing and Budget Summary. The hearing notice for this item was published in the Fremont Tribune on September 2, 2021. Mayor Spellerberg opened the public hearing. Mayor Spellerberg closed the public hearing after receiving comments from the public.
2. Ordinance 5585 adopting the 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Statement termed the Appropriation Bill (second reading). Council Member Yerger moved, seconded by Council Member Ellis to continue the item to September 14, 2021. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Ganem Voting Nay: Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Gibson. Motion failed. Motion made by Legband, seconded by Jensen to hold second reading of the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Voting Nay: Yerger, Ellis. Motion carried. City Clerk provided second reading of the Ordinance.
3. Receipt and discussion of September 1, 2021 Council member-requested 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Questions. Finance Director Sanders provided a presentation on the questions.
4. Resolution 2021-135 committing fund balance for Immigration Ordinance defense. Motion made by Yerger, seconded by Ellis to receive letter from Kris W. Kobach. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Motion carried. Motion made by Jensen, Seconded by Legband to continue the item indefinitely. Voting Yea: Jensen, Legband, Sookram Voting Nay: Yerger, Ellis, Ganem, Gibson. Motion failed. Motion made by Yerger, Seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution 2021-135. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson Voting Nay: Jensen. Motion carried.

5. Motion to recommend incorporation the following 2021-2023 Biennial Budget modification: Fund 6 fire personnel in 2022 and 1 Dispatch personnel in 2023 - without using the Immigration Defense Fund. Motion made by Yerger, seconded by Ellis to require staff to find alternate funding for six firefighters and one dispatch position. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson Voting Nay: Jensen. Motion carried.
6. Motion to recommend incorporation the following 2021-2023 Biennial Budget modification: Swap the timing of 32nd St paving projects and the So. Clarmar/Railroad storm water and street project; consider ARPA funding. Motion made by Yerger, Seconded by Sookram to receive handout from Steve Hasebroock. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Motion carried. Motion made by Yerger, seconded by Ganem to Swap the timing of 32nd St paving projects and the So. Clarmar/Railroad storm water and street project and list ARPA funds as a potential funding source. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Motion carried.
7. Motion to recommend incorporation the following 2021-2023 Biennial Budget modification: Fund the "Downtown" Police Station (and future Fire Station) with voter-approved Bonds funded by Public Safety Sales Tax. Council Member Yerger made a motion to modify the funding sources listed for the law enforcement center to remove the reserves and ST55 and replace them with voter approved bonds paid for from sales tax public safety funds. Motion died for lack of a second. Council Member Ellis moved, seconded by Council Member Yerger to fund the Police Station (and future Fire Station) with voter-approved Bonds funded by Public Safety Sales Tax. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis Voting Nay: Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Gibson. Voting Abstaining: Ganem. Motion failed.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion made by Gibson, seconded by Sookram to adjourn; time: 11:03 P.M. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Gibson, Legband, Ganem, Sookram, Jensen. Motion carried.

## **CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **7:00 PM – Following the preceding Meeting**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** Mayor Spellerberg called the City Council Special Meeting to order and stated that a copy of the open meeting law is posted continually for public inspection located near the entrance door by the agendas

**ROLL CALL** Roll call showed Council Members Gibson, Ellis, Ganem, Yerger, Sookram, Legband, and Jensen present. 7 members present.

1. Discuss remaining August 10, 2021 City Council-requested 2021-2023 Biennial Budget impact evaluations. Finance Director Sanders provided a report on City Council-requested 2021-2023 Biennial Budget impact evaluations.
2. Resolution 2021-131 approving the 2021-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Local No. 37. Motion made by Legband, Seconded by Sookram to approve Resolution 2021-131. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Motion carried.
3. Resolution 2021-132 approving the 2021-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional Firefighters Association of Fremont Local 1015. Motion made by Jensen,



Seconded by Sookram to approve Resolution 2021-132. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Motion carried.

4. Resolution 2021-133 approving the 2021-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 251. Motion made by Ganem, Seconded by Legband to approve Resolution 2021-133. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Motion carried.
5. Ordinance 5586 to approve Government Salary Ordinance (consider request to suspend the rules and move to final reading). Motion made by Yerger, Seconded by Ellis to receive two pay scale charts into the record. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Motion carried. Council Member Yerger made a motion to continue the item. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion made by Legband, Seconded by Jensen to introduce and hold first reading of the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson Voting Nay: Yerger. Motion carried. Motion made by Jensen, Seconded by Legband to suspend the rules and move to final reading of the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Voting Nay: Yerger, Ellis. Motion failed.
6. Ordinance 5587 to approve Utility Salary Ordinance (consider request to suspend the rules and move to final reading). Motion made by Jensen, Seconded by Sookram to introduce and hold first reading of the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson Voting Nay: Yerger. Motion carried. Motion made by Jensen, Seconded by Sookram to suspend the rules and move to final reading of the Ordinance. Voting Yea: Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Voting Nay: Yerger, Ellis. Motion failed.
7. Motion to approve revision to Article 16 of the Employee Handbook as a result of bargaining agreement negotiations. Motion made by Yerger, Seconded by Legband to approve revision to Article 16 of the Employee Handbook as a result of bargaining agreement negotiations. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Jensen, Legband, Sookram, Ganem, Gibson. Motion carried.
8. Special hearing to set final tax request for 2021-2023 Biennial Budget. Mayor Spellerberg opened the public hearing. Mayor Spellerberg closed the public hearing after receiving comments from the public.
9. Resolution 2021-134 setting property tax request at \$6,556,907.79 for fiscal year 2022 and 6,342,626.28 for fiscal year 2023. Council Member Yerger made a motion to continue the item to the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion made by Ellis, Seconded by Yerger to continue the item to the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Legband, Sookram, Gibson Voting Nay: Jensen, Ganem. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion made by Ganem, seconded by Sookram to adjourn; time: 12:38 P.M. Voting Yea: Yerger, Ellis, Gibson, Legband, Ganem, Sookram, Jensen. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE FREMONT, NEBRASKA Special City Council Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2021.

  
Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

  
Joey Spellerberg, Mayor